

THE OCTOBER 11, 2005 SESSION
OF THE
WALWORTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

The Walworth County Board of Supervisor's Committee of the Whole was called to order by Chairperson Lohrmann at 5:00 p.m. in the County Board Room at the Walworth County Government Center, 100 W. Walworth Street, Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

Roll call was taken and all Supervisors were present except Supervisors Burwell, Guido, Hilbelink, Morrison, Polyock, Schaefer, Van Dreser. Supervisor Hilbelink arrived at 5:20 p.m. and Supervisor Morrison arrived at 5:30 p.m.

Legislative Roundtable

Representatives to the Assembly Thomas Lothian, Steve Nass, and State Senator Mary Lazich addressed the Board.

Representative Nass discussed bills that were coming to the Assembly. Nass said one Assembly Bill of particular interest to him is TABOR. Nass said his primary concern is the deficit in the Budget. He said he believes the State of Wisconsin has to cut its budget. Nass said he is also concerned about Medicaid. Nass said he chairs the Labor Committee, and an item of interest from that committee is a Bill regarding a consistent minimum wage across the State. He said he believes the issue of voter registration will be on the ballot by November 2006. Nass also said that he thinks approval of Indian gaming compacts should go through the legislature and there will be legislation regarding this issue.

State Senator Lazich said she serves as Vice-Chair of the Finance Committee. Lazich presented an eight page Summary of the 2005-07 State Budget, which was distributed to the Supervisors. Senator Lazich explained the Summary and answered questions regarding the budget. Lazich said that two items of interest coming up in the Legislature are pier rules for lakes and Shoreland Zoning.

Representative Lothian said that there are two primary issues of concern to him and they both are in regard to court decisions. The Legislature is trying to set caps on medical suits but the Supreme Court has stopped some of that. Lothian said there will be some legislation coming regarding medical suits. The other item of particular interest to him is eminent domain to confiscate property. Lothian said that legislation is being drafted to protect an individual's right to own property. Lothian also spoke regarding the raiding of medical assistance funds and how the Legislature is trying to override that activity and return the funds.

The floor was then opened up for questions and answers.

Chair Lohrmann thanked the State Legislators for coming.

Adjournment

On motion by Supervisor Grant, seconded by Supervisor Hilbelink, the Committee of the Whole adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Kimberly S. Bushey
County Clerk

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COUNTY OF WALWORTH)

I, Kimberly S. Bushey, County Clerk in and for the County aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the County Board of Supervisor's Committee of the Whole for the October 11, 2005 meeting.

(These minutes are not final until approved by the County Board at the next regularly scheduled County Board meeting.)